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Honorable Sherman Adams  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sherm:

In a letter from Philip Young, dated February 18, 1957, he spoke of the President's desire for him to take action regarding the Hoover Commission's recommendations on relationships between noncareer political executives and the career administrators in the Federal Service. The aim was to relieve career administrators from involvement in advocacy of policies and programs and from political controversy, and to have the noncareer category designated by the President. The letter requested that each agency promulgate a policy statement to fit its particular situation.

Our situation in the Central Intelligence Agency is somewhat different from that of the average department and agency in the Executive Branch. We are founded on a concept of career service from top to bottom for our staff employees. My own position as Director and that of General Cabell as Deputy Director are the only two offices that are filled by Presidential appointment and require Senatorial confirmation. Neither General Cabell nor I have ever considered ourselves political appointees. You will recall that I, a lifelong Republican, was appointed as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence by former President Truman and as Director by the President.

I believe it is of the utmost importance to maintain the principle of non-political objectivity in the Central Intelligence function, and I believe this was the clear intent of Congress as shown by debates during the consideration of legislation affecting the Agency. I, therefore, have prepared a policy statement in accordance with Philip Young's request, a copy of which is enclosed, asserting that there are no noncareer political executive positions in the Central Intelligence Agency. I believe this is consistent with the President's philosophy in this matter. Please let me know whether you agree that issuance of this policy statement would be appropriate under these circumstances.

Sincerely,

/s/  
Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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**HOOVER COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS ON PERSONNEL  
AND CIVIL SERVICE**

1. In order to implement certain personnel recommendations of the Hoover Commission having to do with the relationship between "noncareer political executives" and "career administrators" in the Federal Service generally, heads of departments and independent establishments have been directed to "prepare and promulgate to their personnel a policy statement which fits their particular situation but definitely carries out the desires of the President and the Hoover Commission recommendations to keep career administrators out of 'political controversies'."
2. All personnel are advised that there are no "noncareer political executive" positions in the Central Intelligence Agency.
3. It is essential that in the course of our work neither the Agency nor its personnel becomes identified with partisan policies, and it is the duty of all personnel to keep out of political controversies.

**Allen W. Dulles**  
**Director of Central Intelligence**

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